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Application No. 10/769,155
Art Unit: 2129
Applicant: Veprek
Status of Application: Pending Non-Final Office Action

Dear Examiner Bharadwaj:

Per your request, attached is the Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form. After your review, please call and set up a telephone interview.

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NOTICE

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Applicant No.:   10/769,155   First Named Applicant: Veprek

Examiner: K. Bharadwaj   Art Unit: 2129

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Issues to be discussed:

Claims 1-80 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by an article entitled "Call Based Provisioning of Mobile Equipment Location Information" by Hussain (Hussain).

Hussain relates generally to a mobile communications device that provides notification when a pre-selected number has been called. Hussain teaches of a notification system that forwards alerts another user connected to the network based on the status of the mobile device user. Applicant does not believe that this reference teaches or suggests a notification system and method for detecting activity information and selecting the delivery method based on the activity method. Applicant's notification system receives activity information about the user to be notified from a variety of different devices and sends notifications to the same, acting user based on the analyzed activity information. Applicant also believes that Hussain does not teach of a notification system that sends notifications in different ways based on the analyzed activity notification. Hussain sends notifications only one fixed way, while Applicant's notification system analyzes the activity information and varies the delivery method. Applicant requests for the Examiner to review and discuss with Applicant a possible amendment to claim 36. The proposed amendment is:

"An information notification method, comprising:

~~Receiving at least one of:~~

~~(a)   activity information relating to at least one selected user activity category;~~ and

~~(b)   environment information relating to at least one selected user environment category;~~

receiving activity information indicating an activity of a user to be determined;

~~determining a manner of notification delivery based on at least one of the user activity category and the user environment category; and~~

a delivery module operable to select how a notification is to be delivered to the user from a plurality of predetermined delivery methods, where the delivery method is selected based upon the activity information; and

communicating the notification to the user in accordance with the ~~manner of delivery~~ selected delivery method."